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- 1. **Title Page**. The title should be descriptive, clear and brief; it should identify the subject matter. Also, please list each of the authors and their affiliation with a complete mailing address.
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Technical Report

Evans, R.A. 1988. Management of pinyon-juniper woodlands. U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service. General Technical Report INT-249. Intermountain Forest and Range Experiment Station, Ogden, UT. 34 pp.

Proceedings

Hironaka, M. 1989. Primary successional theories. Pages 29-31 in D. E. Ferguson, P. Morgan and F. D. Johnson, editors. Proceedings--Land classifications based on vegetation: Applications for resource management, Moscow, ID; November 17-19, 1987. U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service General Technical Report INT-257. Intermountain Forest and Range Experiment Station, Ogden, UT.

Book Chapter

McIntosh, R.P. 1980. The relationship between succession and the recovery process in Ecosystems. Pages 11-62 in J. Cairns, Jr., editor. The recovery process in damaged ecosystems. Ann Arbor Science Publishers, Inc., Ann Arbor, MI.

Book Shimwell, D.W. 1971. The description and classification of vegetation. University of Washington Press, Seattle, WA.

Article In Press

Smith, J. R. 1999. American woodcock singing grounds, summer fields, and night surveys in West Virginia. Journal of Wildlife Management. In press.

10. Appendices. These are not recommended but will be admitted on a case-by-case basis. Appendices contain supplementary supporting material not contained in the main body of the report because of their bulk or peripheral nature.

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Use standard statistical symbols and abbreviations.

- n sample size
- N population or lot size
- \overline{x} arithmetic mean of the sample
- μ Mean of the population
- SD standard deviation of the sample
 - σ Standard deviation of the population
- CV coefficient of variation
 - s² sample variance
- σ^2 Variance of the population
- SE standard error
 - t distribution: shows both the random variable and a particular or observed value of this variable
 - F distribution: shows both the random variable and a particular or observed value of this variable
- df degree(s) of freedom
- χ^2 Chi-squared distribution: shows the random variable and a particular or observed value of this variable
- P level of significance, probability
- β regression coefficient of population
- r coefficient of correlation, sample
- r² coefficient of determination for r
- R coefficient of multiple correlation
- R² coefficient of determination for R
- CI confidence interval